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Lead-Poisoning Conference Scheduled

Please note: The media is invited to attend all or portions of the Regional Conference on Lead Awareness. To schedule an interview with a speaker, please contact Dawn Mayer (701.328.4533) or Sandi Washek (701.328.5190) prior to the conference.

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health will host the Regional Conference on Lead Awareness May 4 and 5, 2004, at the Seven Seas Inn & Conference Center, Mandan, N.D. Designed to build awareness among local, state, federal, tribal and national partners, the conference will highlight issues pertaining to lead-poisoning prevention, lead-based paint and public policy.

Featured speakers and topics include:

- Barry Brooks, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Brooks will discuss lead-poisoning issues, including safe blood lead levels and the effects of lead poisoning on children.
- Julie Simpson, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Simpson will update the status of various federal lead-based paint rules, such as the Renovation and Remodeling Rule, the Large Structures Rule and the Commercial Building Rule.
- Panel discussion – Emmit White Temple Jr., Fort Yates, N.D.; Richard Schroeder, Belcourt, N.D., and representatives of other environmental agencies. The panel will discuss blood lead-poisoning issues related to the relocation of former military housing onto tribal lands.
- Panel discussion – Dr. John Joyce, North Dakota Department of Health; Dr. Bernard Hoggarth, Altru Health Systems; Dr. Patrick Welle, Meritcare Health Systems; and Camille Eisenmann, North Dakota Department of Human Services. The panel will discuss current lead screening practices in North Dakota.

For more information about the conference, contact Sandi Washek at 701.328.5190 or Dawn Mayer at 701.328.4533.

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